

PUBLIC INFORMATION BULLETIN

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RECENT COMMERCIAL BURGLARIES

(1/20/05)

From October of 2004 through mid-January 2005, the Long Beach Police Department has responded to several commercial burglaries throughout the city, and would like community members to immediately report any unusual or suspicious activity.

The suspect(s) typically breaks a window and enters the business taking cash from cash registers or safes. The suspect(s) then flees the business. The majority of targeted businesses have been restaurants, but have also included retail stores.



<u>Suspect Information</u> – suspect in photo is responsible for at least one of the burglaries, and is described as a male African-Amercan, 20 to 30 years of age, approximately 5'8 and 190 lbs.

It is believed that there are additional suspects responsible for the burglaries in this series. Descriptions include both male African-Americans and male Whites.

The Long Beach Police Department would like to encourage business owners and employees to practice the following crime prevention tips, to help prevent from being a victim of burglary.

- Keep all windows clear of advertising or display material, which could screen any intruder from outside view
- Trim trees and shrubs in front of windows and doors to eliminate hiding places
- Fully illuminate the outside at night (light is your best ally against crime!)
- Place all entrances under video surveillance and ensure equipment is in good working order
- Consider installing an alarm system (audible alarms may "scare off" intruders)
- Post signs indicating that the business is protected by an alarm system and/or surveillance equipment
- When closing your business, empty the cash register and leave it open with the empty drawer visible and don't keep large amounts of cash at your business
- Anchor safes in concrete (floor safes are best)
- Contact the Community Relations Division at (562) 570-7215 for a free Crime Prevention Security Assessment of your property

To leave a voicemail tip for detectives, please contact the Burglary Detail at (562) 570-7351. To report suspicious activity requiring immediate police attention, please contact the Long Beach Police Department's Communications Center at (562) 435-6711 or 9-1-1.